

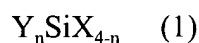
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 9, and 10, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A resin composition comprising a resin and a silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate,

wherein the resin is ~~selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, polyarylate, and thermoplastic polyester,~~ and the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is prepared by introducing an organo-silane compound represented by a general formula (1):



(where n is an integer from 0 to 3; Y is a hydrocarbon group with 1 to 25 carbons; the hydrocarbon group may have a substituent(s); X is a hydrolyzable group or hydroxyl group; n Ys may be the same type or different types; and (4-n) Xs may be the same type or different types) into a swellable silicate, and wherein at least one of the following conditions (a) and (b) is satisfied:

(a) an average layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is 500 Å or less; and

(b) [N] value is 30 or more (where the [N] value is defined as the number of particles per a unit weight ratio of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate contained in an area of 100 μm<sup>2</sup> of the

resin composition) and an average aspect ratio is 10 to 300 (where the average aspect ratio is defined as an average of a ratio of a layer length to a layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate),

and wherein ~~in the case where the resin is a thermoplastic polyester~~, at least one of the following conditions (i) to (iii) is further satisfied:

(i) a difference ( $\eta_e - 3\eta$ ) between an extensional viscosity  $\eta_e$  and the triple value of a shear viscosity  $\eta$  of the resin composition is 300 Pa·s or more at a temperature of 280°C and a rate of strain of 100 (1/s);

(ii) between a rate of strain of 100 (1/s) and a rate of strain of 1000 (1/s), a difference ( $\Delta\eta_e$ ) of values of the extensional viscosity  $\eta_e$  of the resin composition at a temperature of 280°C is 500 Pa·s or more; and

(iii) a product  $J_{e0}\eta_0$  of equilibrium compliance  $J_{e0}$  and zero shear viscosity  $\eta_0$  of the resin composition at a temperature of 280°C is 0.8 seconds or more.

**Claim 2 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a polycarbonate.

**Claim 3 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a polyarylate.

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**Claim 4 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic polyester.

**Claim 5 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 4, wherein all the conditions (i) to (iii) are satisfied.

**Claim 6 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the average layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is 500 Å or less and the maximum layer thickness is 2000 Å or less.

**Claim 7 (Currently amended):** A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the [N] value is ~~30~~ 45 or more.

**Claim 8 (Currently amended):** A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the average aspect ratio is ~~10~~ 15 to 300.

**Claim 9 (Currently Amended):** A method for producing a resin composition according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

(A) preparing a clay dispersion including the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate and a

dispersion medium;

(B) ~~mixing~~ adding the clay dispersion to a polymerizable prepolymer continuously or sequentially over time and mixing the polymerizable prepolymer and the clay dispersion; and

(C) forming the resin by polymerizing the polymerizable prepolymer,

wherein, ~~in the case where the resin is a thermoplastic polyester~~, the clay dispersion comprises a dispersion medium containing water in the step (A).

**Claim 10 (Currently Amended):** A producing method according to claim 9, wherein a basal spacing of silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate of the clay dispersion prepared in the step (A) is ~~the~~ three times or more larger than the initial basal spacing of the swellable silicate.

**Claim 11 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin composition is for an injection molding.

**Claim 12 (Original):** A resin composition according to claim 11, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic polyester.